

Wichita Board of Appeals of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Minutes Wednesday, March 4th, 2009

Present: Terry Irwin, Keith Brewer, Andy Veatch, Jerry Short, Leon Breedlove and Don Vaughn

Absent: None

Staff: Sharon Dickgrafe, w/Law Department; David Laws, w/Central Inspection; Bill Vines, w/ Water Department; Cynthia Dameron, w/Law Department; and Kim Mudd, w/Central Inspection

Guests Present: Dan Leidy, w/PACK; John Shepherd, w/Local #441; CR Hall, w/Hall's Culligan; and Lonny Wright

Chairman, Terry Irwin called the meeting to order.

Jerry Short, seconded by Andy Veatch, moved to accept the Febuary minutes, motion carried 6 – 0.

Discussion was held on the Water Conditioning Ordinance. After review and discussion, Sharon Dickgrafe would make the minor changes and bring to the April meeting for review.

Discussion was held on the accessibility of the competitors to view each others record via e-permit system. CR Hall, with Hall's Culligan wanted the record to show that he was in favor of the Water Conditioning Ordinance, but was very concerned about the publication of permits and how accessible they were to the competitor. He also wanted the record to show that he would work with authorities and/or personnel to see how the accessibility of the permits pulled per company could be limited to the competitor and/or public.

Don Vaughn, seconded by Jerry Short, moved to accept the Water Conditioning Ordinance with the minor changes and to proceed for final review, motion carried 6 – 0.

Keith Brewer, seconded by Andy Veatch, moved to table any decisions on the Continuing Education Units (CEU's) until after the State had official approved, motion carried 6 – 0.

A Request for Variance from Vincent Noli was present via paper documents, since Mr. Noli was from Arizona. Mr. Noli was requesting an exception to the rule in the requirement for testing. Mr. Noli had not taken any exams that would reciprocate with the City of Wichita's standards. Mr. Noli's exams were not equivalent. Jerry Short, seconded by Keith Brewer, moved to deny the Request for Variance from Vincent Noli, motion carried 6 – 0.

Discussion was lead by Bill Vines on meter vaults and shut off valves. After discussion, Jerry Short, seconded by Don Vaughn, moved to have a committee of Bill Vines, Andy Veatch and Sharon Dickgrafe to work on the ordinance and bring back to the board, motion carried 6 – 0.

Don Vaughn, seconded by Keith Brewer moved to adjourn the meeting, motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Mudd